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For: A METHOD OF CLEANING SULFIDE)
CONTAMINATED CONDENSATES)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace Claims 1-11, as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of removing sulfides and other volatile contaminants from liquor vapor condensate from a pulp manufacturing process, wherein the said liquor vapor condensate is fed into a stripper, which is part of a closed loop comprising said stripped and a regenerative thermal oxidization process (RTO), in which loop a gas, primarily consisting of air and such components formed or stripped off in the loop, is